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THE SOCIETY
of
PAST COMMANDERS

ANCIENT AND HONORABLE
ARTILLERY COMPANY

Sixty-First Anniversary
1951

PARKER HOUSE
SEPTEMBER 15, 1951

Members of
The Society of Past Commanders

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210	Captain Clarence J. McKenzie	1920
214	Brig.-Gen. Henry D. Cormerais, *Secretary*	1924
216	Lieut.-Colonel Charles A. Malley	1926
217	Major Lionel G. H. Palmer	1927
220	Major Francis S. Cummings	1930
222	Lieut.-Commander Walter K. Queen	1932
226	Captain Justin A. Duncan, *Treasurer*	1935
227	Major William H. Ellis	1936
229	Captain James J. Curry	1938
231	Lieut.-Colonel Albert E. Roberts	1940
232	Lieut.-Colonel Louis C. Adams	1941
233	Lieut.-Colonel Fred K. Rogers, *Asst. Sec.*	1942
234	Captain Frank G. Volpe	1943
235	Captain Ichabod Bunker	1944
236	Lieut.-Colonel Andrew S. Seiler	1945
237	Colonel Raymond F. Rauscher	1946
238	Lieut.-Colonel John C. Brink	1947
239	Colonel Eugene A. Hudson	1948
240	Colonel Edward J. Kane	1949
241	Lieut.-Colonel E. Douglas MacPherson, *Presiding*	1950

CAPTAIN FRANK L. NAGLE

Admitted, September 10, 1917 — Died, July 1, 1951

Captain 1925-1926 — 215th Captain, A. & H. A. Co.

Guests of the Society

His Excellency Paul A. Dever
Governor and Commander-in-Chief

Captain Enoch D. Fuller
Captain Commanding Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company

Lieutenant General Alfred F. Foote
Massachusetts National Guard, Retired

Major General William H. Harrison, Jr.
The Adjutant General Massachusetts National Guard

Honorable Frederic W. Cook

Lieutenant William E. Crosby

Lieutenant Theodore S. Williams

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Guests of Members

Honorable George W. Arbuckle
Major Walter W. Austin
Lieutenant Colonel James E. Bagley, Jr.
Mr. Robert S. Blount
Captain Leo E. Bourdon
Captain Edward P. Brock
Lieutenant Thomas J. Carty
Brigadier General Vincent P. Coyne
Sergeant Robert F. Douglas
Major Storrs L. Durkee
Colonel William W. Drummey
Sergeant George W. Frongillo
Lieutenant Andrew J. Gorey
Lieutenant Loring Grimes
Lieutenant Colonel Joseph V. Hughes
Major Clarence E. Hyde
Lieutenant Gerard F. Jones
Mr. Willard Lombard
Mr. Arthur G. MacKenzie
Lieutenant Colonel Harold P. MacLeod
Colonel Reginald A. Maurer
Sergeant Augustus J. Migell
Colonel Charles W. Mitchell
Lieutenant Walter G. Murphy
Brigadier General Frederic E. Pereira
Captain Francis A. Reynolds
Lieutenant Philip E. A. Sheridan
Mr. Arthur Sondheim
Lieutenant Colonel Edward A. Spry
Lieutenant George A. Turain
Sergeant Henry A. Turner
Lieutenant Anthony F. Viola
Mr. Franklin D. Volpe
Captain Philip C. Wilson
Honorable Samuel H. Wragg

Menu

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Cape Oyster Cocktail

Onion Soup au Gratin

Hearts of Celery Salted Nuts Queen Olives
Sherry

Seafood Newburg en Casserolette

Brown Bread Sandwich
Sauterne

Broiled Club Sirloin Steak, Maitre d' Hotel
Sparkling Burgundy
O'Brion au Gratin Potatoes

Broccoli, Hollandaise

Parker House Tripe

Raspberry-Vanilla Mousse

Petit Fours

Demi Tasse

THE SOCIETY OF PAST COMMANDERS
ANCIENT AND HONORABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY

ALLEN, *Chairman*

Boston, May 8th, 1890

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At a Meeting and Banquet of the two hundred and fiftieth Anniversary Committee of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company the following motion was proposed by Mr. A. Shuman, and after some discussion was unanimously adopted:

> "The Committee on the two hundred and fiftieth Anniversary of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts for the purpose of continuing their pleasant and friendly associations as members of that Committee, to cherish and keep alive whatever is, and has been of interest in that memorable Celebration, and to give their influence and assistance to any good work for the welfare and advancement of the Company, agree to form themselves into a Club to be known as the—15 Club".

"The Club shall meet annually, at such time and place as shall be designated by the Executive Committee.

"The Government of the Club shall be in the hands of the Executive Committee, who shall be elected at each annual meeting. (This has since been discarded.)

"The Executive Committee shall consist of three (3) members. They shall appoint one of their members, Chairman, who shall preside at the meeting and banquet of the Club, also one as Secretary, who shall be the Secretary of the Club, and one as Treasurer, who shall be Treasurer of the Club. (The Secretary and Treasurer are now elected by the membership.)

"At the death of any member, a Past Commander of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, shall be elected by the Club, to fill the vacancy."

The following gentlemen were the original members of the Club. All except five served as captains of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company:

Capt. Edward E. Allen	1889	Capt. Jacob Fottler	1893
Col. Henry Walker	1887 & 1896	Col. Sidney M. Hedges	1894 & 1903
Maj. George S. Merrill	1883	Maj. James P. Frost	
Maj. Charles W. Stevens	1880	Col. Horace T. Rockwell	
Capt. William H. Cundy	1881	Col. George A. Keeler	
Capt. Albert A. Folsom	1876	Mr. A. Shuman	
Col. Henry E. Smith	1888	Lieut. Thomas Savage	
Capt. Samuel Hichborn	1892		

The last five never served as Captains of the Company.

The 21 Club of London, made up of members who came to Boston in 1888, had the following names on its roll: Major Durrant, Captain Woolmer Williams, Major W. N. Boker, Captain R. N. Nunn, Lieutenant Birkett, Lieutenant J. M. McKenzie, Lieutenant William Evans, Lieutenant Ferrier, Sergeant F. G. Painter, Sergeant Thomas Perkins, Sergeant William R. Clarke, Corporal Hawlyn, Sergeant Bradshaw, Trooper Nicholson, Trooper Woodman, Private S. Moore, Private Perilow, Private Kirkpatrick, Private Docking, Trooper Phillips, Private J. Reed. Lieutenant (afterwards Colonel) Evans was the last surviving member of the 21 Club at the time of his death. Captain Allen was the first Chairman of the Club. He declined re-election, stating that "he thought it was for the best interest of the Club to pass the honor around each year." This was followed out and each member took turns at being the Chairman until 1911 when the list was exhausted and brought up to date and Captain Allen was again elected Chairman but owing to vacancies caused by death, the new member, Captain Damrell, was elected Chairman.

At the annual meeting, February 11, 1916, it was voted to change the name of the Club from the "15 Club" to the "Past Commanders Association of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company," and at the meeting held March 12, 1932, the name was again changed to "The Society of Past Commanders, Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company." Captain Bolton was the last member to join the "15 Club" and was the last surviving member at the time of his death.

There are no By-Laws of the Club beyond a few simple rules, but from time to time motions regulating the Organization have been made at the meetings.

Since the organization of the "15 Club", May 8th, 1890, down to the present day the Society has had but three Secretaries, Colonel Hedges, Captain Ratigan and Colonel Cormerais. Colonel Hedges served from 1890 until his death in 1924, Captain Ratigan from 1925 until his death, March 4, 1933. Colonel Cormerais from March 13, 1933, to date. The Treasurers were Mr. A. Shuman who served from 1890 to 1894, Captain Fottler who served from 1894 to 1933, Major Palmer who served from 1933 to 1938 and Captain Justin A. Duncan who has served from 1938 to date.

Each year the Junior Past Commander is the Chairman of the Society and at the annual banquet receives from the Senior Past Commander present the Gold Gorget of his rank.

The silver reproduction of the Gorget worn by the Captain of the Company was added to the seal on the menus in 1934.

HENRY D. CORMERAIS,
Secretary.